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1. SAG Registers Increased Concern Over UAR Violations Yemen Disengagement.
On July 27 Charge¹ was summoned to summer capital of Taif in company with UNYOM Liaison Officer/Jidda to be told SAG increasingly concerned over non-fulfillment terms of Yemen Disengagement Agreement and by evidence UAR widening and intensifying its campaign against royalists by UAR. Present at meeting were Deputy Prime Minister Prince Khalid, MOA Prince Sultan, Prince Abdulla bin 'Abd ar-Rahman (eldest surviving brother of late King 'Abd al-Aziz) and Deputy Foreign Minister Saqqaf. UN Liaison Officer cited report from Sam'a that UAR troops had recently been withdrawn, information which somewhat mollified princes. Charge² was reminded USG had given assurances its intention see terms disengagement fulfilled by both parties. Charge² in reply stated USG in frequent contact all levels UAR to encourage troop withdrawals and reminded princes of good impression made by Saudis by their willingness fulfill disengagement commitment.

Foreign Ministry Director Western Affairs read complaint on June 23 to Embassy officer alleging use of poison gas by UAR on village of Dafir in royalist territory. (UK Embassy source later advised Embassy that information reaching it from "Daily Express" correspondent recently in Yemen included item that Dafir suffered poison gas attack on or about July 6 and Baza village was target gas attack four days later.) Foreign Ministry official also registered complaint that UNYOM had failed to investigate reports use of gas in royalist territory.

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Comments: Fact Charge² summoned to Taif instead of receiving above lecture from Saqqaf in Jidda underlines SAG determination put increasing pressure on USG and UN to bring about UAR compliance with disengagement. (SECRET)

2. Dr. Glen Brown Returns to Saudi Arabia. Dr. Glen Brown of United States Geological Survey (USGS), a long-time consultant to Saudi Government, has returned to Saudi Arabia to present his report on Riyadh water problem and to negotiate working agreement between USGS and Saudi Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources under which USGS will provide team of specialists to assist Saudis in their minerals exploration program. Negotiations are to begin this week. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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MILITARY

1. Hard Surface Missions Continue. F-100 aircraft in missions of two and three planes each continued daily flight schedule from Jidda north and south along the western coast and along selected interior routes. Missions have been kept away from sensitive southern border area and only three flights in fifteen days have been made over Jizan. All flights have been without incident. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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2. CINCELM Deputy Commander Inspects Hard Surface Operation. From July 21-25 Major General Perry B. Griffith, Deputy CINCELM visited Saudi Arabia to inspect progress of Hard Surface operation. General Griffith divided his visit between Dhahran and Jidda and during short time available made contact with wide range of Saudi civilian and military leaders. His visit to Jidda provided valuable opportunity for exchange of views with Charge on current political developments in Kingdom and particularly on nature of Saudi expectations over Hard Surface operation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Visit of USS SOLEY. Destroyer USS SOLEY paid visit to Jidda July 27-29 (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Destroyers under command of COMIDEASTFOR continue to visit Kingdom at approximately one month intervals. These visits have come to be accepted by Jidda public as routine but still provide useful occasion through tours of ships and brief cruises to entertain Saudi military personnel and prominent civilians. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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